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## Wisconsin - Goats & Sheep Inventory

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### Milk Goat Inventories Continue to Rise, While Sheep Continue to Fall

Goat inventory in the U.S. totaled 3.67 million head, down 1 percent from July 2010. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.74 million head. All market goats and kids totaled 925,000 head, unchanged from the previous July. Meat goat inventories were down 2 percent from a year ago, to 3.11 million head. Milk goat inventory was up 1 percent, increasing to 390,000 head. Angora goat inventories remained steady at 165,000 head. The 2010 U.S. kid crop is expected to total 1.95 million head, virtually unchanged from last year. The 2010 expected kidding rate of 104 kids per 100 does is up 1 percent from the 2009 kid rate of 103.

As of July 1, 2010, sheep and lamb inventories were down 2 percent from the previous year, bringing the total inventory in the United States to 6.90 million head. Breeding sheep inventory fell 3 percent from a year ago, to 4.16 million head. The current U.S. breeding herd consists of 3.37 million ewes one year and older, 175,000 rams one year and older, and 620,000 replacement lambs. Market sheep and lambs, at 2.65 million head, were also down from last July. Market lamb inventory includes 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 285,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep accounted for 90,000 head. The U.S. lamb crop is expected to total 3.60 million head in 2010, down from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head. During the first half of the year 3.15 million lambs were born, with 450,000 head expected to be born from July through December. The 2010 expected lambing rate of 108 lambs per 100 ewes is equal to last year.

**Special note:** This will be the final July Sheep and Goat report. In the future NASS will only publish an annual sheep and goat report in January. The January report will contain more detailed information. Questions concerning this change should be directed to Joseph Prusacki, Director, NASS Statistics Division at 202-720-3896.

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